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# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

**Sunday 30 December  
First Sunday of Christmas**

**8.00am**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** The Revd David Powell  
**Preacher:** Dr Diana Stretton

**10.00am**

## **PARISH EUCHARIST**

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**Preacher:** Dr Diana Stretton  
**Readings:** 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26 *read by Rob Huddart*  
Colossians 3. 12-17 *read by Angela Huddart*  
**Gospel:** Luke 2. 41-52  
**Hymns:** SASP 127, Carol Book (CB) 19, CB 13, CB 4, CB 37  
**Intercessions:** Liz Toogood

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

**6.00pm**

## **SAID EVENSONG (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)**

**Officiant:** Dr Diana Stretton



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like a large print version**



# Prayers and Readings

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING - 1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

*A reading from the first book of Samuel.*

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.  
<sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.  
<sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING - Colossians 3.12–17

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to

which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL - Luke 2.41–52**

*We say or sing*

**Alleluia**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup>Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup>He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## POST COMMUNION

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth  
the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **This week we pray in particular for:**

- Peace on Earth as we start a new year
- For all those affected by poverty and homelessness
- The leaders of all nations

### **Prayers for our December Outreach Partner**

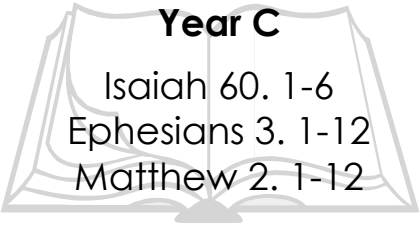
#### **ST JOHN'S HOSPICE MOGGERHANGER**

Providing specialist care and support  
for people with life-limiting conditions  
living in Bedfordshire and bordering  
parts of Cambridgeshire.

### **Eucharist Readings for 6 January**

The Epiphany  
**Year C**

Isaiah 60. 1-6  
Ephesians 3. 1-12  
Matthew 2. 1-12



MONDAY	31		<b>New Year's Eve</b>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>No Evening Prayer</i>	Quiet Room
<b>January 2019</b>				
TUESDAY	1		<b>News Year's Day</b>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>No Evening Prayer</i>	Quiet Room
WEDNESDAY	2	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Fairtrade Stocktake	Main Hall
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd Peter Littleford</i>	Holt Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	3	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	House Group	Charlbury Court
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
FRIDAY	4	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.00am	Coffee and Co	Foyer and Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	5	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		11.00am	Continuum Choral Rehearsal	Church
		3.00pm	Mary Poppins Film Singalong	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
SUNDAY	6		<b>Epiphany</b>	
		8.00am	Holy Communion Followed by Breakfast in the Holt Room	Church
		10.00am	All Age Eucharist Service	Church
		11.15am	Messy Church Planning Meeting	Holt Room
		6.00pm	Choral Service followed by the removal of the decorations from the Christmas tree	Church

The Church Office and Church Centre will re-open on Wednesday 2 January.

### Notice Sheet Deadline

Please send all notices to Karen Parrott, Church Centre Office,  
email: [office@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:office@standrewsbedford.org) by **12noon on Wednesday**.  
This notice sheet is usually printed on Wednesday afternoon.

## CHURCH

**THANK YOU** to all those who worked so hard to make our Christmas services so special. The ministers and staff thank you also for your good wishes and appreciation over these recent weeks.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER:** Morning Prayer will be said tomorrow and New Year's Day and then on Wednesday 2 January we go back to Morning and Evening Prayer as normal. The Church Centre and Office will re-open on Wednesday 2 January.

**PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019:** Copies are available at the back of the church if you do not yet have one of these useful publications. It lists events happening at St Andrew's throughout the coming year.

**ROTAS:** The January rota has been emailed to most people but those without email can collect their copies from the back of the church. Please let the Office know if you change your duty with someone else.

**COFFEE AND COMPANY:** Join us for conversation and friendship over real coffee and delicious cake on Friday 4 January from 10.00am - 12noon in the Church Centre Foyer.

**SINGALONG "MARY POPPINS":** On Saturday 5 January at 3.00pm in the Main Hall we will be showing the original film, so do come along and join in with all the much-loved songs. Admission £1 in aid of St John's Moggerhanger. Refreshments available.

**EPIPHANY:** The Feast of the Epiphany falls on Sunday 6 January. The Worship Band will lead the music for our 10.00am service and a Choral Service will round off our festivities at 6.00pm. After this service join us to remove the decorations from the Christmas tree.

**NOAH'S ARK:** The Spring Term starts on Monday 7 January at 9.30am.

**THE FISHERMAN:** The deadline for items for the February edition of *The Fisherman* is 12noon on Monday 14 January. Any articles received after this deadline may not be considered for inclusion.

**PARISH NURSE DROP-IN SESSION:** Sandy's next drop-in session is on Friday 18 January between 10.30am and 12noon.

**RELAXATION SESSION:** The next session is on Monday 21 January at 11.30am in the Quiet Room.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** Please remember to save your used postage stamps to support charity. There is a basket at the back of the church where you can leave your stamps (trimmed with approx. 1cm border around each stamp if possible please). Thank you.

**CHRISTIAN AID** has been offered a day to collect outside both Tesco stores (Goldington Road and Cardington Road) on Saturday 19 January and Peter Littleford is looking for volunteers from all local churches to do a "shift" during the day. There was a similar event a few years ago which proved very lucrative. If you feel you could offer an hour (or more?) on that day, please let me know and I will pass your name on. You may wish to say what time/which store would be most convenient for you. Thank you in advance. Angela

**HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY:** On the night of Saturday 26 January into Sunday 27 January join us for a sponsored sleep in aid of charities for the homeless. Please email the Church Office to register your interest.

**'LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH':** Are you under 30? We would like to send you for a few days in Derbyshire in March 2019. Contact James or Ian Smith if you would like to express an interest in attending.

**ST ANDREW'S MEN'S WEEKEND AWAY**– 22 - 24 March 2019 at the Horstead Centre in Norfolk. The theme is Making a difference where we are. Leaflets are available at the back of the church with further details.

### **FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S**

**TALK ABOUT LIFE ON A PACIFIC ISLAND** by Mark Adkin - Join us for an interesting afternoon on Tuesday 8 January at 2.30pm in the Holt Room.

**PANTOMIME:** Please can those who signed up for the pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre on 11 January 2019 confirm their continuing interest by making a payment for £16 per ticket as soon as possible. Please submit your payments to the Church Office in an envelope marked for the attention of John Thynne re: Friends Pantomime Visit. Cheques should be made payable to "*The Friends of St Andrew's*" please. Thank you.

### **COMMUNITY**

**ALMSHOUSE VACANCY:** The Frederick Ray Trust (Rays Close, Bedford) offers accommodation for deserving older single people or couples in need of housing. Applicants must be capable of independent living and meet certain other criteria. Please see the notice board in the Church Centre corridor for details of how to apply, should you be interested. Application deadline 31 December 2018.

**CANTAMUS AT EPIPHANY:** Saturday 20 January, 7.30pm, here at St Andrew's. Conductor: Gary Mudd. Organ: Paul Edwards. Tickets £10 (£6 concessions) on the door.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Date & Time	Venue	Notes
Fri 18 Jan 4.30pm – 6.00pm	Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship High Street Elstow MK42 9XP	Prayer Stations, based on John Bunyan & WPCU, will be available to access anytime between these times. Hot drinks available.
Sat 19 Jan 9.30am	Elstow Abbey Church End Elstow MK42 9XT	Followed by tea/coffee & biscuits
Sun 20 Jan 6.30pm	Elstow Abbey Church End Elstow MK42 9XT	Choral Evensong with the Elstow Abbey Singers, Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Ian McIntosh. Followed by light refreshments.
Mon 21 Jan 12.30pm	Shalom Wesleyan Holiness Church, Offa Road Bedford MK42 9HZ	Please bring your lunch and share fellowship.
Tues 22 Jan 7.00pm	London Road Methodist Church, London Road Bedford MK42 0NT	Followed by Fish & Chips! Please pre-order Fish & Chips via <a href="mailto:curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk">curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk</a> or 07922 487705
Wed 23 Jan 12noon	St John's Church, St John's Street Bedford MK42 0DL	Prayer Stations available from 11.15, service at 12 noon, followed by soup & bread lunch.
Thurs 24 Jan 7.30pm	St Michael & All Angels Barford Ave Bedford MK42 0DT	Compline, followed by tea/coffee.
Fri 25 Jan 12.30pm	Christ the King Harrowden Rd, Bedford MK42 0SP	Drinks provided. Please bring your own lunch.

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